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6 April 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Herbert E. Hetu  
Assistant to the Director (Public Affairs)

SUBJECT : Lunch with the Washington Post

STAT 1. BACKGROUND: Attached is a brief description of those from the Post who will attend the luncheon. [ ] and I will also attend. The luncheon is considered by the Post to be totally on the record and will be taped by them and me. In discussing the lunch with Ben Bradlee, he said, "Since it is on the record, we do not expect to make any news. We would like to talk about the philosophy of intelligence and the flow of information from you to us. Since we will have to work with one another over the next couple of years, like it or not, it is probably a good idea to get to know one another better."

2. SUBJECTS: Following are brief descriptions of the types of subjects which are most likely to come up:

- a. Subjects the Post may raise (based on recent queries and known areas of interest)
- Implications of the Hussein story
  - The right of the press to decide what to print
  - Elaboration of your (DCI's) definition of illegal or immoral acts -- which would cause you to resign
  - Overseas operations of CIA vis-a-vis human rights
  - DCI's relationship with the President/Cabinet members/NSC
  - What really happened in Moscow; why did we fail?
  - What is a realistic appraisal of the Soviet threat?

- b. Predictable problem areas (based on stories we know Post is pursuing)
  - U.S. detection of Soviet microwave surveillance
  - CIA trained Cubans' part in Letelier killing
  - Rift/disagreements within the Intelligence Community
  - CIA activities on college campuses
- c. Subjects/themes we wish to emphasize
  - Position on actions to stem unauthorized flow of classified information
  - Redefining of two jobs -- DCI and DCIA
  - Oversight procedures
  - Harmful results of printing leaked stories
  - Protecting sources and methods, i.e., why we simply can't answer some questions.

3. We can provide backup material as required but I think you are quite familiar with all of these topics.

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28 March 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Herbert E. Hetu  
Assistant to the Director (Public Affairs)

SUBJECT : Washington Post Luncheon

The Washington Post has confirmed a date for their background session luncheon with you.


Date: 7 April 1977

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Washington bureau of the Post, dining room,  
9th floor, 1150 15th St. N.W. (15th & L)

Ground Rules: The lunch is considered to be on a background basis. However, you should consider everything you say as being on-the-record. It is clear the Post editors make their own decisions on what or what not to make public.

A guest list of attendees at the luncheon will be mailed to us a few days before 7 April.

  
Herbert E. Hetu